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Comparative situation of forest cover in 1993 and 1995 assessment for India as per the State of Forest Report, 1995

(in sq. km)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	1995 assessment	1993 assessment	Changes in 1995
1.	Andhra Pradesh	47,112	47,256	− 144
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	68,621	68,661	− 40
3.	Assam	24,061	24,508	− 447
4.	Bihar	26,561	26,587	− 26
5.	Delhi	26	22	+ 4
6.	Goa Daman & Diu	1,250	1,250	No change
7.	Gujarat	12,320	12,044	+ 276
8.	Haryana	603	513	+ 90
9.	Himachal Pradesh	12,501	12,502	− 1
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	20,433	20,433	− 10
11.	Karnataka	32,382	32,343	+ 39
12.	Kerala	10,336	10,336	No change
13.	Madhya Pradesh	1,35,164	1,35,396	− 232
14.	Maharashtra	43,843	43,859	− 16
15.	Manipur	17,558	17,621	− 63
16.	Meghalaya	15,714	15,769	− 55
17.	Mizoram	18,576	18,697	− 121
18.	Nagaland	14,291	14,348	− 57
19.	Orissa	47,107	47,145	− 38
20.	Punjab	1,342	1,343	− 1
21.	Rajasthan	13,280	13,099	+ 181
22.	Sikkim	3,127	3,119	+ 8
23.	Tamilnadu	17,766	17,726	+ 40
24.	Tripura	5,538	5,538	No change
25.	Uttar Pradesh	33,986	33,961	+ 25
26.	West Bengal	8,276	8,186	+ 90
27.	A & N Islands	7,615	7,624	− 9
28.	Chandigarh	7	5	+ 2
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	204	206	− 2
30.	Lakshadweep*	—	—	—
31.	Pondicherry*	—	—	—
	TOTAL	639,600	640,107	− 507

* No discernible forest cover

New Crop Insurance Scheme

*583. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed new Crop Insurance Scheme for the small and marginal farmers;

(b) whether any decision on lowering the interest on NABARD loans has been taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) A proposal to modify the existing Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is presently under the consideration of the Government. A Concept Paper setting out various suggestions received for revision of the scheme, including issues relating to small and marginal farmers, has been circulated to all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. A proposal for the revision will be prepared after receiving the views from the Hon'ble Members. Progress of implementation of CCIS is at Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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Sl. No	State/Union Territories	No. of seasons partici pated	Total no. of farmers	Area covered (in hectares)	Sum insured (Rs. in lakhs)	Total ins. charges (Rs. in lakhs)	Total claims (Rs. in lakhs)	Claims paid (Rs. in lakhs)	Claims payable (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	19	8306472	15673010.00	327470.11	5673.55	16742.65	16742.65	—
2.	Assam	16	217614	88294.79	2057.97	36.13	50.90	50.90	—
3.	Bihar	18	2789694	3060433.36	70635.30	1412.62	3495.65	3495.65	—
4.	Goa	18	14449	23273.55	127.86	2.54	4.06	4.06	—
5.	Gujarat	18	6777260	16371609.00	305419.64	3734.83	70343.91	70210.38	133.53
6.	Himachal Pradesh	16	24380	27744.73	319.96	6.38	37.29	36.40	0.89
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	54586	77358.00	789.78	15.80	65.20	65.20	—
8.	Karnataka	17	1818481	3124563.03	60345.97	933.66	2499.27	2499.27	—
9.	Kerala	19	379547	436381.07	12545.94	250.99	605.14	605,14	—
10.	Manipur	1	8840	4759.00	191.77	3.84	—	—	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	19	7013208	17549334.39	122201.64	1542.14	3433.00	3082.12	350.88
12.	Maharashtra	19	12107766	15735289.32	197180.93	3284.65	13221.81	13206.14	13.67
13.	Meghalaya	11	14020	23366.07	295.54	5.80	7.50	7.50	—
14.	Orissa	18	2257561	2973502.02	45770.18	891.14	3270.98	3254.87	16.11
15.	Rajasthan	2	535400	1544600.00	8296.89	159.78	2292.59	2292.59	—
16.	Tamil Nadu	18	1945182	2820334.69	81662.08	1500.10	2554.40	2514.30	40.10
17.	Tripura	18	34294	23199.44	603.22	12.06	6.48	6.48	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh	7	2762178	5335468.00	43182.43	852.64	499.79	499.79	—
19.	West Bengal	19	4158749	2622587.61	74072.16	1480.27	1511.58	1388.58	123.00
20.	Andaman & Nicobar	10	3200	6311.15	98.96	1.88	2.18	2.18	—
21.	Delhi	5	372	1359.00	26.37	0.53	—	—	—
22.	Pondicherry	17	17561	36995.76	1229.79	24.58	49.03	49.03	—
			51240814	87559775.98	1354524.49	22125.91	120693.41	120015.23	678.18

Denial of Gold Card to HRD Minister by Atlanta Olympics Authority

*587. **SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Human Resource Development was denied the 'gold card' by the Atlanta Olympic Games Authority to which he was entitled as a VIP;

(b) if so, whether Government think that denial of the courtesy is a breach of protocol by the Atlanta Olympic Games Authority; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) The Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports who went to Atlanta during the first half of the Olympic Games was given the 'G' Category card which he surrendered later. The Minister for Human Resource Development went for the second half